

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as shown below. Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments are to correct various informalities in the Specification, and that no new matter is being added.

Please replace paragraph [0003] with new paragraph [0003], shown below:

[0003] This application is related to United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/446,878, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIERARCHICAL LOADING OF EJB IMPLEMENTATIONS"; by Mark Spotswood, filed February 12, 2003 (Atty. Docket No. BEAS-01313US0); and to United States Patent Application No. 10/777,362 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIERARCHICAL LOADING OF EJB IMPLEMENTATIONS", by Mark Spotswood, filed February 12, 2004 (Atty. Docket No. BEAS-01313US1), both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with new paragraph [0024], shown below:

[0024] The Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) defines a standard for developing component-based enterprise applications. Enterprise JavaBeans (EJBs) are the server-side components for J2EE. EJBs allow for development of distributed, portable applications based on Java. JavaServer Page (JSP) components allow for creating web pages that display dynamically-generated content. JSP pages are compiled into servlets and may call EJBs. Additional information about J2EE, EJBs and JSPs can be found in the J2EE specifications published by Sun Microsystems, Inc., and accessible on the Web at ~~http://java.sun.com/j2ee/index.jsp, at http://java.sun.com/products/ejb/, and at http://java.sun.com/products/jsp/~~ respectively, each of which are incorporated herein by reference.